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CONSEQUENCES OF A SNOW BALL.

A letter from Smyrna, addressed to the Presse d'Orient contains the following account of a quasi-diplomatic dispute between the consuls of Austria and Russia, apropos of a snow-ball:

Children, we know, are accustomed to amuse themselves with snow-balling, and one

fortunate event which is the subject of general conversation. A youth, attached as a domestic to the service of M. Jean Fillipuzzi, Director of the American Post, was amusing himself with other children in throwing snowballs, when one of these innocent projectiles struck the cheek of a child of M. Ivanhoff, Consul-General of Russia, who was on the field of battle. After cries and tears from the child Madame Ivanhoff made a complaint to Ma-

Madame Filippuzzi, who in her husband's absence, expressed the liveliest regrets for what had happened. But some seconds afterward an officer from the Russian consulate obeying the orders of Madame Ivanhoff entered M. Filippuzzi's house, and, in spite of the most energetic protests, seized the servant boy, and brought him to Madame Ivanhoff, who chastised him, made him a prisoner at the consulate, and then had him transferred to the government prison. On hearing these facts, M. Filippuzzi addressed to his consul, the consul

in Austria, a demand for the restoration of his child, and satisfaction for the violation of his domicile. The Russian Consul refused that satisfaction, and the relations between the two consulates were broken off in the most imperious manner. The affair has been submitted to the respective ambassadors at Constantinople. Meanwhile, Mr. Blunt, the British Consul, has caused this culprit of twelve years, who happens to be an Ionian subject, to be set at liberty. Such are the consequences of a snow ball.

IS THE PLANET MARS INHABITED?

The opponents of the doctrine of the plurality of worlds allow that a greater probability


of any other planet. Its diameter is 4,410 miles; and its surface exhibits spots of a different hues; and the sun, according to accurate observation, appearing to be green, and its surrounding land red. The variety in the spots, it is thought, many arise from the planet not being so destitute of atmosphere and cloud; and what adds greatly to the probability of this, is that the appearance of brilliant white spots at times appears, which have been conjectured to be composed of water, either disappearing when they have been seen, or appearing when they have been seen.

When emerging from the long night of their polar winter, the snow line then extending to about six degrees from the pole. The length of the day is almost exactly twenty-four hours, the same as that of the earth. Continents and oceans and green savannals have been observed upon Mars, and the snow of his polar regions has been seen to disappear with the heat of summer. Clouds may actually be seen floating in the atmosphere of the planet, and there is the appearance of

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